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Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

Circle group

Some houses stand on tall legs. The legs are wood. They are called stilts.

These houses are by a lake. When the water gets high, it goes under the house. The people stay dry.

A boat ties up below. A ladder goes up to the door.

Questions

1. What are the tall legs called?

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2. What are the legs made of?

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3. What happens when the water gets high?

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4. What goes up to the door?

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5. Why is a house on stilts good by water?

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Words to know

stilts: tall legs that hold a house up
ladder: steps you climb to go up
lake: a big pool of water with land all around
dry: not wet

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

Triangle group

In some places, houses stand on tall legs. The legs are made of wood. They are called stilts.

These houses are by a lake or a river. When the water gets high, it goes under the house. The people stay dry.

A boat can tie up below. A ladder goes up to the door.

Questions

1. What are the tall legs called?

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2. What are the legs made of?

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3. What happens when the water gets high?

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4. What goes up to the door?

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5. Why do people build houses on stilts by water?

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Words to know

stilts: tall legs that hold a house up
ladder: steps you climb to go up
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dry: not wet

Talk together (every group has these)

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Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

Square group

In some parts of the world, people build their houses on tall wooden legs called stilts. These houses are often near a lake or a river.

When the water rises, it simply flows underneath the house, so the family inside stays dry. A boat can be tied up below, and a ladder leads up to the front door.

Questions

1. What are the tall wooden legs called?

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2. What are the stilts made of?

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3. What happens when the water rises?

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4. What leads up to the front door?

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5. Why do people near water build houses on stilts?

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Words to know

stilts: tall legs that hold a house up
ladder: steps you climb to go up
lake: a big pool of water with land all around
dry: not wet

Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

Easier · 46 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.5

1. Stilts.
2. Wood.
3. It goes under the house.
4. A ladder.
5. The people stay dry.

Triangle: Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

This passage · 54 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Stilts.
2. Wood.
3. It goes under the house.
4. A ladder.
5. So the house stays dry when the water rises.

Square: Houses on Tall Legs Over the Water

Harder · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.3

1. Stilts.
2. Wood.
3. It flows underneath the house.
4. A ladder.
5. The water can pass underneath, so the family stays dry.